Center of Political Fight Now Being Waged in New York.

**CRAZED WOMAN SET** 

Religious Fanatic Poured Oil

Over Clothing and Then.

Applied, Match.

CHICAGO, ILL., August 24.-The wave

over Southern California culminated in a

horrible attempt at self-sacrifice to-day,

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR

HAVING STOLEN GOODS

(By Associated Press.) BAVANNAH, GA., August 24.—Mrs. F.

F. McDonald, also known as Mabel Drain,

possession a trunk marked with her name, and containing goods worth more than \$1,000 that were, it is alleged, stolen from the docks of the Ocean Steamship Company.

The woman lived in the house of E. C. Tabb, one of the three policemen arrested yesterday on charges of piffering goods from shipping cases. Tabb, who was out on bond was rearrested on supplementary charges when the discovery of the goods in the trunk was made by the detectives.

Jury Discharged.

(By Associated Press.)
SPRINGFEELD, MO., August 24.—The jury in the case of Ross Galbraith, the alleged lynch mob leader, this afternoon reported a disagreement, and it was discharged by the court.

Baseball Plant Burned.

(By Associated Press.)
PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 24.—The
baseball plant of the Providence Eastern
League at Rocky Point and a large
laundry and bakehouse near by were

NEW YORK CENTRAL AND

Unlawful and Discriminating

Rates to Standard.

OIL TRUST INDICTED

burned to-day.

FOR SOUTHERN TRADE

WILL BE STRUGGLE

FIRE TO HERSELF

## COAST SWEPT BY TERRIFIC STORM

One Drowned and Seven Others Had Very Narrow Escape.

### YACHT FAST ON BAR AT ATLANTIC CITY

Two Sons of Congressman Butler, of Pennsylvania, Rescued From Drowning by Government Life-Savers. Fisherman Proves a Hero.

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., August 24. During a severe northeast storm which prevailed to-day along the coast, one had narrow escapes from death in the

The drowned man was Louis Simpkins formerly of Philadelphia. He and two companions were on a fishing trip in a faunch. Off Brigantine City they were caught in a whirlpool, caused by cross currents and the storm. In trying to avoid a big wave, Simpkins lost his balance and fell into the sea. Despite thei danger, Simpkins's companions made a brave effort to pick him up, but before owned. As the men were about to leave the scene his body came to the sur face, and they managed to drag it into

### Yacht on Bar.

Shortly after this accident, five young from Island Heights, left the inlet for the return trip up the coast. yachtsmen endeavored to persuade them not to attempt to go to sea, but they did not heed the warning, and sailed away

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In making a long tack toward Brigantine Beach the yacht was carried on the dangerous har outside the inlet. The captain of a large yacht saw the accident, but, having on board a number of passengers, be did not care to endanger their lives by going too near the has.

While the five men were clinique to their craft, momentarily expecting to be washed to their death, a here in the person of John Johnson, a Swedish fisherman, went to the rescue in a frail gasquence launch. He did not faiter in the face of the storm, and, after a hard struggle, in which his little boat was tosted about by the waves, he managed to get alongside the Virginia and took the five men off.

The rescued men Fewarded Johnson handsomely.

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Later in the afternoon Thomas and Howard Butler, sons of Congressman Butler, of Pennsylvania, were rescued from drowning by the government life-saving crew, after their little boat had been overturned in a heavy sea off Long Port. Both swam to the capsized craft, but were being carried out to sea in the strong current when their calls for help were heard by the life-savers. They were much exhausted when rescued.

### SAVED FROM DROWNING: KILLED BY SHOWER-BATH

from drowning, Joseph F. Clark, of 24
North Anne Street, Baltimore, died of heart trouble to-day, unde a shower sprinkle at a bath house here. Clark, while bathing in the surf, became exhausted and was rescued with difficulty because of high waves. He recovered sufficiently to walk to the bath house, but dropped dead immediately after turning on the shower. Two days ago Clark rescued two women from drownins. He was an employe of the Chesspeake Steamship Company.

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### Fishermen Drowned.

(By Associated Press.)
WILDWOOD, N. J., August 24.—Two
Norwegian fishermen are believed to have lost their lives to-day off this place, during the northeast gale. Karl Karlsen, accompanied by a helper whose name is unknown, left here this morning for the fishing banks. Later in the day their dory was washed ashore, and nothing has been heard of the men.

### THEATRICAL TROUPES IN RAILWAY CRASH

(By Associated Press.)
ST. THOMAS, ONT., August 24.—A Wa bash special train, carrying two theatri sal companies to Chicago and one to Detroit, and the Canadian Pacific Railroad regular passenger train from Toronto were in collision at the crossing just east were in collision at the crossing just east of this city to-day. The Canadian Pacific Railway engineer, McKay, of Toronto Junction, was killed, Fireman Patterson, of this city, was seriously hurt, and Baggagemaster Alexander Wiley, of this city, was probably fatally injured. None of the pasengers on either train was injured.

### COURT HITS SUNDAY LAW IN LOUISVILLE

(By Associated Press.) LOUISVILLE, KY., August 24.—Judge McCann, in the City Court to-day, ds-missed all the members of the "Four Corners of the Earth" Company and the staff of the Avenue Theater, all charged

Rates to Standard.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., August 24.—The
New York Central Railroad Company was
indicted by the Western New York
Federal srand Jury this atternoon on a
charge of giving discriminating and unlawful freight rates on shipments of oil
by the Standard Oil Company, and of
unlawfully failing to file a schedule of
such rates with the Interstate Commerce
Commission at Washington. The Standard Oil Company awas again indicted on
a charge of accepting unlawful and discriminating freight rates on shipments
of oil over the Pennsylvania, the New
York Central and the Vermont Central
Railroad companies.

The indictments are closely related to
those found by the Same Jury two weeks
ango against the Standard Oil Company
and the Pennsylvania in the matter of
discriminating rates on oil shipments.
The indictments were accepted by Judge
Hazel, and the jury was discharged with
the thanks of the court. Court adjourned to met in Buffale to-morrow.

Diamonds.

(By Amsociated Press.)

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then went to Europe, It was with violation of the Sunday closing laws. In announcing his decision, the Judge took the ground that the arrest consti-tuted discrimination, as the State and city authorities were exempting numerous other cocupations as "works of neces-sity" under an unwarrantedly broad con-struction of the law.



Lexington Department Wins First Prize in Speed Trial.

### **COVINGTON WAS** SECOND ON LIST

Vast Crowd Witnesses Tests Which Were Highly Interesting-Brilliant Fireworks at Idlewood Last Night in Honor of Visitors.

The twentieth annual convention of the Virginia State Firemen's Association closed last night, after a three days session, which was highly enjoyable and successful in every respect.

The features were the exhibitions and contests, which took place at Ryland and Franklin Streets at noon, and the splendid display of fireworks at Idle wood Park last night. Many of the visiting firemen left during the day, and as they went they were singing the praises of their Richmond hosts.

The Artillery Band of Old Point stopped on its way to the station and sevenaded The Times-Dispatch staff.

The bank took the first prize at Idlew The bank took the first prize at Inlewood Thursday night, and was given much attention while in the city.

Great interest prevailed in the contests held yesterday, and the awarding of the prizes gave, the best of satisfaction.

The Committee on Contests from the Board of Fire Commissioners of Richmond met at the Jefferson Club last

horrible attempt at self-sacrifice to-day, when Mrs, Josephine Burton Young, of San Bernardino, saturated her clothing and hair with kerosene oil and set fire to herself. She cannot recover. Mrs. Young was a member of the Holy Roller group, and had for some time showed signs of a religious craze. This morning she compained of sore throat, and took a lamp, from which she secured some kerosene as a remedy. Her daughter saw her drink some of the oil and then turn the fluid over her head to saturate her hair and clothing. 'Hinder me not; it's the Lord's will!' orled the insane woman. The daughter ran for help and returned with her father, to see her mother enveloped in flames. She had lighted the clothing during her daughter's absence. The woman ran, screaming with pain, through the yard, until the husband caught her and smothered the flames with a quilt. mond met at the awards.

Mr. John H. Frischkorn was chairman and Mr. Joseph L. Levy secretary.

### Prizes Awarded.

The awards follow:

1. Largest and best appearing uniformed company in parade, \$100; Phoebus Fire Company, No. 1, F. A. Kearney, chief.

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2. Next largest and best appearing uniformed company in parade, \$50; Columbia Fire Company, No. 1, Alexandria, J. F. Pettey, captain.

3. Hose race contest, free for all, first prise, \$150; Lexington Fire Department, H. C. Bowyer, chief; time, 29-3-4-seconds.

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partment, H. C. Bowyer, chief; time, 29-2-4 seconds.

4. Hose race contest, free for all, second prise, \$100; Covington Fire Company, No. 1; F. C. Jesser, captain; time, \$2.3-5 seconds.

5. Hose race, association companies only, first prize, \$100 (also custody of trumpet); Massanutten Hose Company, of Strasburg, Va., J. E. Rogers, chief; time, 29.4-5 seconds.

6. Hose race, association companies only, second prize, \$50; Lexington Fire Department, H. C. Bowyer, chief; time, 30 seconds.

ton Fire Department, H. C. Bowyer, chief; time, 30 seconds.
7. Hose race, association companies only, third prize, 225; Shenandon Fire Company, of Woodstock, Hugh Kneisley, chief; time, 30 17-20 seconds.
8. Finest uniformed band attending any association company, \$50. Naval Gun Factory Band, Jacob G. Naval Gun Factory Band, Jacob G. Moody, leader, Washington.
9. Second best uniformed band attending any association company, 225, Fourth Artillery Corps Band, Ira. J. Wharton, drum major, Fortress Monroe, Va.
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Plug-Chief McFall, of Roanoke; Mr.
Lecky, Three full turns. Hose, fifty yards to taper.
Finish-Mr. Hurley, of Suffolk; Mr.
Frischkorn. Three full turns. Water, time. Break hose at end of third sec-

tion.
Covington Team, No. 1—R. R. Coutts,
J. Argenbright, C. E. Livesay, W. J.
Reid, D. J. Harrington, A. J. Oliver, C.
L. Malai, D. Lintacorn, Hall Long, G.
R. Alexandria, R. L. Bunch, A. Wagner,
A. L. Hall, C. Overholt, William MoNaum, Substitutes—C. Cohen, R. L. Benson. Fred. C. Jesser, chief.
Covington Fire Company, No. 2—J. W.
Humphreys, C. P. Wiekel, Dan Paxton,
A. W. Knighton, W. J. Leffel, C. C.
Wiekel, F. M. Lowen, D. T. Humphreys,
A. J. Humphreys, W. G. Stover, D. M.
Tucker, Ira Wiekel, E. C. Humphreys,
Homer Hoke, Tom Howard, Charles
Reynes.

Shenandoah Fire Company Reel Team, (Continued on Tenth Page.)

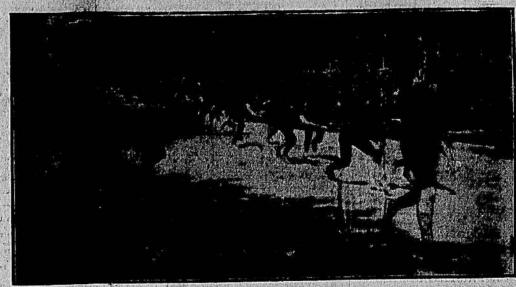
LANDED THIEF IN JAIL

Stealing \$5,000 Worth of

Diamonds.

LOVE FOR DENVER GIRL

### LEXINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ACT OF WINNING SPEED CONTEST FOR PRIZE



# BLOW AT HOOT OF INSURANCE EVILS

Minnesota Commissioners Adopt Bill to Be Submitted to State Legislature.

### HOLD OFFICERS ACCOUNTABLE

Millions of Dollars to Be Held in Reserve for the Policyholders.

BT. PAUL, August 21.—Millions of dol-iars will be held in reserve for the policythe cost of insurance will be materially insurance commissioners at their session to-day meets with the approval of the various State Legislatures next winter.

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The bill, which requires an annual apportionment and accounting of surplus of life insurance companies any adopted today, it is maintained by many of the commissioners strikes as the root of all the evil of life insurance by holding officers of such companies accountable for the enormous surplus funds accountable for the enormous surplus funds accountable and any accounting and distribution of surplus is passed by all of the States, it will do more toward securing the economical management of insurance companies than anything else.

The commissioners believe that the companies will make them eager to show a larger credit of dividends to the policyholders than their competitor. This will result, it is declared, in a substantial decrease in the expense of management, and will also prevent the management from using the accumulated surplus for speculation or for private emolument. The report of the committee on misrepresentations, including the draft of a bill, was approved. The draft as presented to-day included the following important section:

approved. The draft as presented to-day included the following important section: director or agent shall issue or circulate any estimate, illustration, circular or any estimate, illustration, circular or statement in any part misrepresenting the terms of any policy issued by it, or the benefits or advantages promised, or the dividends of shares of surplus to be re-ceived thereon; nor shall any company use any title or policy or class of poli-cies misrepresenting the true nature thereof."

### SPIRITED CAMPAIGN IN ALABAMA NEARING END City. Booher lived near Bristol.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., August 24.—One of the most spirited campaigns ever waged in Alabama will close to-morrow night. The State primary will be held Monday. The chief contest is that between R. B. Coomer, of Birmingham, and Lieutenant-Governor R. M. Cunningham of Ensley, for Governor. A full ticket of State officers will be elected including three justices of the Supreme Court. Local interest is centered in the race

for sheriff of Jefferson county, the most lucrative public office in Alabama. Can-didates for the offices have been making a whiriwind finish, and mass meetings were held in several parts of the country

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NEGROES NOW FEARED

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AUSTIN, TEXAS, August 24 .- It is re-

AUSTIN, TEXAS, August 24.—It is reported that a battalion of the troops stationed at Camp Mabry will leave in an
hour for the Mexican border. While the
reason for the Issuance of such orders
is not positively known, it is rumored
that there has been a recurrence of the
trouble at Brownsylle, and that the
troops are to go to that point.

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, August 24—
Last night Ranger Captain McDonald caused the arrest of several members of Company C. Twenty-fifth Infantry, on the charge of being the principals in the recent raid, which resulted in the killing of a citizen and the wounding of the lleutenant of police. The thrue companies will be held here, pending the arrival of General Bell, chief of staff to make a thorough investigation. Consequently there is some perturbation.

Tanight there is a renewal of the precautions taken to see that none of the blacks enter the town.

# TRAIN PLUNGES INTO A TORRENT

# Through the Bridge Into

Moccasin Creek.

Engineer Washed Down Stream Against Another Bridge and

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)
GATE CITY, VA., August 21.—At 1 o'clock tims morning an east-bound freight train on the Virginia and Southwestern plunged into Moccasin Creek, one mile east of Gate City. A terrific rain last night had raised the water unprecedentedly high and undormined the bridge which was built upon trestles. The ongine and seven cars piled up in the raging stream.

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R. E. Booher, young unmarried white
men, were buried under the wreck and
their mangied bodies were recovered
eight hours later.
Engineer Robert Burton was severely
cut and bruised about the head and
face. He was washed down against the
county bridge, just below, and rescued
by Brakeman Oliver Cleeks.
His home was six miles from Gate
City. Booher lived near Bristol.

This is the fourth wreck w This is the fourth wreck which Engineer Burton has experienced, All available forces are at work clearing the wrock and building a new bridge. The structure is ninety feet long, and the east abutment was plowed down by the

east abutteent was proved down by the engine.

The train carried eleven cars loaded with coal, and was in charge of Conductor Robert Glover, It is hoped trains will be able to pass to-morrow.

### Murdered Four Men.

(By Associated Prom.)

CANTON. GA., August 34.—Henry,
Greggs, a white man, is held in fall here
waiting the arrival of the sherin of
Louislana. Greggs is said to be wanted
in that State for the murder of four
men in New Orleans.

TRIED TO SEIZE PURSE

Held Up Armours Charges At-

tempt to Commit Murder.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHICAGO, August 24.—Armed with a

warrant which charges assault and at-

tempt to commit murder, Constable Har-

rison is scouring the country for Police

man Saxon, the alleged assailant of Mrs.

J. Ogden Armour and her daughter, Lo-

J. Ogden Armour and her daughter, Lolita.

They were hold up while riding through
Roger's Park in an automobile by Saxon,
it is alleged, who, after leaping into the
machine, attempted to seize Mrs. Armour's purse, it is charged.

Mrs. Armour, it is said, defended herself by striking Saxon a stinging blow
in the face, which knocked him off the
machine.

Miss Williams in Paris. PARIS, August 24—Miss Louise Williams, of Richmond, registered at the New York Herald Office to-day.

CHICAGO POLICEMAN

Engine and Eleven Coal Cars Go Scientist Finds Anthrax in a Portion Which He Used for, Bacilli Culture.

### FIREMAN AND BRAKEMAN DEAD LADY MADE ILL WHO ATE IT

Will Send the Balance of the Can to U. S. Department of Agriculture,

LYNCHBURG, VA., August 24,-That at

least one of the Chicago packing houses months ago came to light here yesterday when the extract was used as a culture of a specimen of well water by Superin-During the process of the investigation Mr. Driver discovered that the beef ex ation beyond a peradventure of a doubt that cattle suffering with that awful

Mr. Driver will send the remainder of the extract to the Department of Agri-culture in Washington, that it may do semething under the new pure food law.

### Chinese Boycott.

HONG KONG, August 24.—The American Consul-General has sent a dispatch to the Vicercy of Canton requesting him to suppress the boycott association for the hindrance of American commerce. The association recently held several several monster meetings.

### TRAINS BLOCKED BY HEAVY WASHOUT

### Railroad Charged With Giving Romantic Prisoner Charged With Battalion of Troops Said to Have Warrant Against Officer Who Track Damaged and Delay of Five Hours Caused Thereby.

A heavy rainfall yesterday afternoon washed out a culvert and considerable portion of the track of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac double track at a point between Guinea and Wood's Lane, in Caroline, and Blocked all trains

Lane, in Caroline, and meased at trains both ways.

A temporary track was completed at 1 o'clock this morning, and blocked trains on either side were moving at that hour. The \$20 train from Richmond was sent over Chesapeake and Ohio line by way of Doswell, Gordonsville and Orange to Washington.

### Dry Dock in Use.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 2i.—
The Nayy Department has been informed by cable that the floating dock Dewey was utilized at Olongapo, Manila Hay, for the first time, when the army transport Meade was docked there yesterday.

# GROWS: PALMA IS PRISONER

to Leave Palace in Havana.

President of Cuba Afraid

### **GOVERNMENT NOW** IN DIRE STRAI**TS**

Situation in Island Declared to Be Much Worse Than at First Supposed.

### ARE AMERICAN TRUSTS **BEHIND REVOLUTION?**

Report Current in Wall Street Yesterday-Lack of Sympathy Among Cubans for Administration of Palma Rebels Driven From Town.

(By Associated Press.)

TAMPA, FLA., August 24.—The steamship Gussle, which arrived here to-day, from Savannah, loaded to its capacity with tobacco, being rushed out of Cuba, brings information from private sources that President Palma is virtually a prisoner in the palace at Havana, which he has not left for a week. Reports indicate that the situation on the island is much worse than is known to the outside world. The revolution has extended to Santa Clara province and has also braken out in Matanzas, Cargoes of cattle shipped from here have virtually been refused on account of the demoralized condition of business.

Foresed on account of the services received from the western part of the province of Pinar del Rio to-night are to the effect that the insurgent forces now concentrating west of San Juan do Martinez are far more formidable than had been supposed and also are better supplied for camping and also are better supplied for a prominent resident of Havana, whose word is beyond question, feturaned this evening from a three days touring of the vicinity of San Luis and San Juan de Martinez. He informed the Associated Press that Pino Guerra's following in Pinar del Rio now is certainly from 150 to 2,000 men. He said that the idea of his not having sufficient ammunition was riddeulous, and that he is abundantly supplied with every possible necessity. The behavior of his forces is excellent. All the tobacco plantations owned by Americans and American properties are flying the American flag, this gentleman declared, and are not being molested. He said the insurrectionists had eight mules loaded with dynamite, and that lately they had received supplies from unknows sources. He positively declared that prag-

they had received supplies from unknows sources. He positively declared that prac-tically all Cubans in Western Cuba were sympathizers with the movement.

### Rabi Coming. Word has been received here from San-tiago that General Jesus Rabi, with two

thousand veterans, will come to the Vuelta Abajo to help put down the in surrection. This, however, is not con-Colonel Jose Estrampez, with forty-fiv

recruits from Havana, was fired upon eighty insurgents, ambushed behind ajw near Guines. The recruits were rout near Guines. The recruits were routed and three of them were killed and str

and some of their arms and animatation were captured.

The government's extra expenses slage August 19th have been \$270,000. The critics of the government privately ridicule the plans of the government to bring rapid-fire guns to the island, asserting that the experiences of the Spanlards with these guns in Cuba proved their use-lessness in the field. They admit, however, their value for cities and high-ways.

The government, it is understood, has sent to Texas to buy 2,000 horses for the army. It has already bought 500 horses here. The government has cabled to General Ruis Rivera, minister to Central and South American countries, to return immediately to Cuba.

The reported arrest of Orestas Ferrera is denied, but it is admitted that he is under surveillance.

General Jose Miguel Gomez, at his formal arraignment to-day, denied the allegation that he had engaged in conspiracy against the government. There is no foundation, in fact, for the rumor in circulation to-night that the government has begun negotiations with Prino Guerra.

More troops will be forwarded to the western districts to-morrow. There has been no interruption of railroad communication by insurgents.

There is grave doubt if the force of government troops now at San Juan de Martinez would be able to withstand ith attack by the forces of Pino Guerra.

Securing Arms.

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Aside from slight encounters in the provinces of Havana and Santa Clara, nothing of importance has transpired there to-day. The enlistment of runi guards and volunteers is going on very slowly in the provinces, but in the city of Havana enlistments are somewhat better. The City Council to-day appropriated \$50.000 for the support of the city militia, of which there are two divisions, the issterior and the exterior, under command of General Sanches Agramaonts.

The government anounces that the steamer Mexico, which will sail from New York on Saturday, will bring eighteen rapid fire guns, 10.00,000 cartridges and 12.000 Lee rifics.

Tomas Estrada Paims, Jr., Joined the Havana city militia to-day.

The insurgents have been absent from San Luis since early this morning.